

amicus brief supporting gun rights. In the end, the Court's decision affirmed that all citizens have the right to keep and bear arms.

I am pleased with this decision because now honest, law-abiding citizens of the District of Columbia, as well as those in Florida and across the Nation, can be assured of the right to self-protection in their homes. As a strong defender of our Second Amendment rights, I am glad to see this outcome from the Courts.

IN HONOR OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROTECTIVES CO. 1 OF ROCHESTER, NY

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Protectives Co. 1 of Rochester, New York as they approach their 150th anniversary. Ever since their formation on August 23, 1858 these volunteer citizens have spent thousands of hours a year protecting the property of their neighbors from fire, smoke and water damage thereby reducing the costs to the businesses and citizens of Rochester in their most distressing times.

Formed as part of a general reorganization of a fractured and dysfunctional Rochester Fire Department, the Protectives Property Protection and Salvage Company instilled a sense of security that the community it served had been missing. Before its inception, the citizens of Rochester relied on ten separate, and often bickering, fire departments to protect their homes and businesses from fires. The Protectives helped bring about a renewed commitment to protecting the community.

The original Protectives Property Protection and Salvage Company has not only saved countless dollars in property damage over the years, but has also saved the lives of many individuals and firefighters from out of control fires. The Protectives No. 1 operates as a volunteer unit under the Rochester Fire Department assisting them with salvage, ventilation, lighting and holding fire hoses as ordered by the fire Chief, thereby relieving the firefighting manpower at the scene of an active fire.

The Protectives have been there supporting the Greater Rochester community throughout some of its most trying times, including the Great Sibley Fire of 1904 which totaled 4 million dollars worth of damage at the time. And today they continue to work many of the most fundamental and underappreciated jobs including pumping out flooded basements, and setting up and operating fans and lighting during salvaging efforts. Each and every day they subscribe to their motto, "we strive to save."

The Greater Rochester Area owes them a debt of gratitude for their dedicated work and thousands of hours of volunteer services. So it is with great pride and appreciation that I congratulate the Protectives Co. 1 for 150 years of great service, and may it continue to serve as a model of volunteer service and community activism for the citizens of Rochester, NY and across America.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CENTENNIAL OF THE CITY OF POINT ARENA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Point Arena on the Mendocino Coast in Northern California. Located along magnificently rugged headlands overlooking the Pacific Ocean to the west and bordered by redwood forests to the east, California's sixth smallest city (current population 501) is precariously "surrounded" by the San Andreas Fault and watched over by the stately Point Arena Lighthouse.

Self-described as a "town of booms and declines" Point Arena has survived three major fires and fueled a variety of enterprising possibilities. Historical anecdotes trace its heritage from the native Pomos to traders, lumberjacks and sea captains, from oil drillers and bootleggers to hippies and nuclear energy protestors.

Prior to 1906, Point Arena was the "busiest town between San Francisco and Eureka." More than 200,000 board feet of lumber came from the town mills. Point Arena was the main shipping port for agricultural products on the south Mendocino coast. After the earthquake in 1906 every brick building collapsed and every chimney and timbered dwelling came down.

In the meantime, William Hanon, the editor of the town newspaper, the Point Arena Record, was elected to a term in the state legislature. While there he saw money and services handed out to incorporated cities and wanted Point Arena to get a share. Due to his foresight and persistence tiny Point Arena became incorporated July 6, 1908.

By 1910 more than two dozen saloons graced the dirt road next to the headlands overlooking the Pacific. Until 1912 horse-drawn stagecoaches brought visitors and provisions. The main source of supplies, however, was the SS *Sea Foam* until it sank off the coast in 1931. A fire, started at the Grand Hotel on July 2, 1927, wiped out the town once again. By the 1930s Point Arena was rebuilt and many art deco and arte moderne remnants still stand downtown.

Since then roads have been paved and the scenic Coast Highway One turns into Point Arena's Main Street. The pier has been revitalized with restaurants and inns and harbors a small fishing fleet. Main Street sports historic facades, coffee shops, bars and a theater as well as a new public kiosk describing Point Arena's status as a California Coastal National Monument gateway.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the city of Point Arena for a hundred years of determination and success. I would also like to salute the energetic and conscientious city council, which chose "Still Crazy After all These Years" as the motto for its centennial. And for their new colorful city seal featuring the indigenous Point Arena Mountain Beaver.

TRIBUTE TO ALAN WOOTERS

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Alan Wooters, a native of Gowrie, Iowa, who has been a distinguished long time public servant in Webster County, Iowa.

For the past 44 years, Alan has been working in the Webster County Auditor's office. After studying at the American Institute of Business in Des Moines, Alan began his non-elected position at the age of 19. Despite being a long-time Republican and a member of the Webster County Republican Central Committee, the three auditors he has worked for during his 44 year career have all been Democrats. In today's political climate, he certainly serves as a wonderful example of how to work across the aisle to accomplish results for the greater good.

Although Alan is stepping down from his First Deputy Auditor position, he hopes to continue serving the community by devoting more time to volunteering in programs such as Meals on Wheels and continuing as the president of the Gowrie Historical Society.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in congratulating Alan Wooters for his many years of service to Webster County, Iowa. I consider it an honor to represent Alan in Congress, and I wish him the best in his retirement and as he continues to serve his community.

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the work and accomplishments of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB). The CDB has most recently been ranked among the world's most effective international financial institutions by Standard & Poor's, with the highest possible foreign currency high credit rating.

The CDB's mission is to promote economic growth and development among Caribbean member states by promoting economic cooperation and regional integration. Their work has helped to facilitate more efficient economic partnerships throughout the Caribbean by providing a number of financial services to the region.

I would like to thank the CDB for its contribution to the development of the Caribbean and I would like to wish the bank continued growth and success.

RECOGNIZING JOHN MILAZZO

HON. CHARLIE MELANCON

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Mr. MELANCON. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize

the retirement of John Milazzo as the chairman of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU). Elected to the NAFCU Board in 1999, John has been a leader in the credit union community both nationally and within my great state of Louisiana.

For the past nine years, Mr. Milazzo has been balancing his time as a NAFCU Board member, including the past two years as the chairman of the NAFCU Board, against his responsibilities at Campus Federal Credit Union, where he has been the president/CEO since 1985. Headquartered in Baton Rouge, Campus Federal Credit Union is a \$320 million multibranch credit union serving 39,000 members that is known for its use of technology and innovation to improve operational efficiency.

Throughout his tenure as chairman of the NAFCU Board of Directors, Mr. Milazzo worked tirelessly to enhance the federal credit union charter by working with Congress for regulatory relief legislation for credit unions. As chairman, he has also helped maintain NAFCU's status as a leading credit union trade association. John has been an active credit union advocate on local, state and national levels, having served on the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta's Financial Institutions Advisory Committee and as chairman of the Southern Financial Exchange and now serving as a member of Fannie Mae's National Advisory Council.

Many would think that the work he does for credit unions would be enough to fill a day, but that is not the case. Mr. Milazzo is a dedicated family man who finds time to volunteer with the United Way Campaign and the Community Fund for the Arts. He is a current member of Kiwanis International and previously served as club president and former district lieutenant governor of the organization. He is also a Eucharistic minister and member of the finance committee of Saint Anne's Catholic Church. A graduate of Louisiana State, he may also be one of the most loyal LSU Tigers fans in the nation, and he continues to serve the LSU community through Campus Federal Credit Union.

It is with great honor that I rise today to congratulate Mr. John Milazzo on his fine work throughout his illustrious tenure as chair of NAFCU. I have worked with him on issues that are important to the credit union community in the past, and I am committed to continuing this relationship. I have no doubt that, with Milazzo's more than 20 years of experience in the credit union community, his departure will leave a great void. Congratulations on your retirement from the NAFCU Board, Mr. Milazzo.

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST AMERICAN WOMAN IN SPACE—DR. SALLY K. RIDE—AND HONORING HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SPACE PROGRAM AND TO SCIENCE EDUCATION

HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Mr. LAMPSON. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing a resolution "Celebrating the

25th Anniversary of the First American Woman in Space—Dr. Sally K. Ride—and Honoring Her Contributions to the Space Program and to Science Education." On June 18, 2008 we mark the historic date, twenty-five years ago, when the STS-7 Space Shuttle mission flew the first American woman into space. Dr. Sally Ride, an accomplished athlete who once considered pursuing a professional career in tennis, holds this special distinction and has continued to be a passionate and inspiring advocate for space and for science throughout her career.

Dr. Ride, who earned undergraduate degrees in both English and physics at Stanford University and who continued her academic training leading to a doctorate in physics, was selected as an astronaut candidate in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA's) eighth astronaut class, the first to include women. On the historic STS-7 mission, Dr. Ride served as a mission specialist; her work with the STS-7 crew included launching two communications satellites, conducting demonstration activities with the Shuttle robotic arm, and facilitating experiments in materials science.

On October 5, 1984, Dr. Ride made her second spaceflight aboard the STS 41-G mission, which launched the Earth Radiation Budget Satellite and demonstrated the capability to refuel satellites in orbit, among other accomplishments. Sadly, training preparations for Dr. Ride's third spaceflight assignment, the STS 61-M mission, ended following the *Challenger* accident. She then was asked to serve on the Presidential Commission that investigated that accident, and later she served with distinction on the Columbia Accident Investigation Board.

Madam Speaker, following her NASA career, Dr. Ride has focused her experience, talent, and dedication as a leader and advocate for educating the next generation of scientists and engineers—especially young women. As a professor and scientist, she has served on the faculty of the University of California San Diego and as director of the University of California's California Space Institute. She has authored scientific publications on free electron lasers. She has also authored several children's books about science and space.

Dr. Ride's current focus has been through her efforts to provide hands-on learning about science, math, and technology for young students and teachers. She has been the principal investigator of Earth Knowledge Acquired by Middle School Students (EarthKAM), a NASA education program that allows students to control a digital camera that is attached to the International Space Station, to determine what to photograph, and to use the imagery for their science studies. The project also instills experience in teamwork, communication, and problem-solving. In addition, Madam Speaker, as the first American woman in space, Dr. Ride has used her fame constructively, mentoring and encouraging girls and young women to pursue careers in space, science, and engineering. To that end, she has developed science festivals, science camps and other opportunities for girls and young women to engage in science, math, and technology activities.

Madam Speaker, as we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the first American woman in space we also celebrate the dawn of the space age a quarter of a century earlier. The

historic milestone of Dr. Ride's flight encourages us to look forward to the additional "firsts" for our nation's space program in the coming decades. Dr. Ride's profound dedication to promoting opportunities for science and engineering learning is helping to build that exciting future.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues in Congress to support this resolution celebrating the 25th anniversary of the first American woman in space and to extend our appreciation and gratitude for Dr. Ride's excellence in service to the nation as an astronaut, educator, and advocate for the next generation of women scientists and engineers.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, in the past 10 years, the price of crude oil has risen by more than 400 percent, accounting for much of the nearly 200 percent increase in gasoline prices during that time. America should have spent the past decade investing in renewable energy and infrastructure, but we instead remain the number one importer of oil. Foreign oil accounts for 23.5 percent of United States energy consumption, the largest component of our energy profile. To meet its needs, the U.S. spends over \$100 billion on foreign oil, helping to sustain corrupt political systems and state terrorism. This will continue to persist as long as we are dependent on oil, as nearly two-thirds of proved world oil reserves reside in countries considered "not free" by leading human rights organizations.

America's dependence on oil is a threat to our national security, economic prosperity and environmental sustainability.

Forty-five years ago, President Kennedy pledged to send man to the moon. We need a similar "moon shot" program to end our dependence on foreign oil. The bill I stand here to introduce, the Apollo Energy Independence Act, taps the greatest asset of the United States, Yankee ingenuity and free markets, to boost alternative vehicles and increase renewable energies to get off foreign oil. By cutting funding for low-priority programs, we can fund a massive effort to end our dependence on the Middle East.

The Apollo Energy Independence Act first and foremost permanently extends investment tax credits for renewable energy such as wind; closed-loop biomass; open-loop biomass; geothermal; small irrigation; hydropower; landfill gas; marine power; trash combustion facilities; solar energy property; fuel cell property; microturbines; and nuclear energy. The bill also permanently extends a number of energy efficiency tax incentives.

Each Congress, lawmakers scramble at the last minute to renew these effective incentives, then shortsightedly extend them for just a short period. This has undoubtedly stifled the growth of our renewable energy industry. Some studies estimate that renewable energy could supply up to 37 percent of our electricity needs by 2030, resulting in \$700 billion in economic activity and 5 million new U.S. jobs by 2025. Yet in years which the production tax credit is set to expire, investments significantly